

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

FEB 27 2006

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| | | | |
|--------------|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| App. No. | : | 10/708,758 | Confirmation No. 2757 |
| Applicant | : | Yoshito Oku, et al. | |
| Filed | : | March 24, 2004 | |
| T.C./A.U. | : | 3682 | |
| Examiner | : | Thomas R. Hannon | |
| Docket No. | : | ND-US040291 (18.060-AG) | |
| Customer No. | : | 29453 | |

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

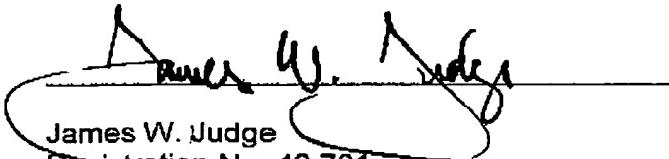
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
under C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

For replying to the Office action dated October 27, 2005 in the patent application identified above, Applicant(s) hereby requests an extension of time of One month, from January 27, 2006 to February 27, 2006.

Accompanying this paper is a Fee Transmittal, indicating the \$120 fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for reply within the first month. Form PTO-2038 to make payment of the fee by credit card is attached to the Fee Transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,



James W. Judge
Registration No. 42,701

JUDGE PATENT FIRM
Rivière Shukugawa 3rd Fl.
3-1 Wakamatsu-cho
Nishinomiya-shi, Hyogo 662-0035
JAPAN

Telephone: 305-938-7119
Voicemail/Fax: 703-997-4565